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ANOTHER SMOKE DETECTOR SUCCESS STORY

Lincoln Fire and Rescue units responded to a house fire on 11/28/04 at 504 N. 81st street. The fire started in one of the bedrooms after a halogen lamp ignited curtains in the ranch style home.

The owner of the home was in the basement watching television when he was notified by a working smoke detector of a fire on the first floor. He was able to make his way to the bedroom and pick up his 2 year old grand daughter to get her safely out of the structure.

Lincoln Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Bruce Sellon was in command at the scene. "My opinion is that the smoke detector played a vital part in early notification and the safe outcome of the owner and occupant in this fire."

The National Fire Protection Association recently reported that 70% of all home fire fatalities occur in homes where there are no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. The NFPA also reports that nearly one –quarter of the home smoke alarms in reported fires are not working.

For more information on fire safety, visit the Lincoln Fire and Rescue website at www.lincoln.ne.gov Keyword:fire.

